



## H.Res. 963 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, and for other purposes

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 963 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX) on February 7, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs on February 7, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 963 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February 13, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 963 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program and its efforts to pay tribute to and express appreciation for hospitalized veterans, to increase community awareness of the role of VA medical centers, and to encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and become involved as volunteers;
- Encourages citizens who live near a VA hospital or clinic to take time this week to visit and thank our veterans; and
- Will continue to work with veterans service organizations to support our veterans with words, actions, and financial assistance.

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### BACKGROUND

The President has declared the week of February 11-15, 2008 as National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. During this week, veterans are thanked for their service to the United States through the United States Armed Forces. Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly three of every four served during a war or an official period of hostility.

There are currently 155 Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Hospitals in the U.S., and more than 98,000 veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are cared for in VA medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes.

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